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Press Release

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The Lindsey Street bridge over Interstate 35 is approximately 50 years old and in very poor condition. The bridge is structurally safe for traffic, but many of the bridge elements are deteriorating at a more rapid rate now that additional traffic is travelling on the bridge. This bridge carries over 20,000 vehicles per day, but traffic on the bridge has increased since the start of construction on the Main Street interchange at I-35. ODOT has scheduled replacement of this bridge and the entire interchange in 2015 or 2016.

Beginning on Sunday morning, March 10, 2013, repairs will begin on four sections of the bridge deck located primarily in the outside eastbound lane of Lindsey Street. This repair work will include lane closures that will take approximately 2-4 days, but Lindsey Street will remain open to traffic. There will also be temporary lane closures on I-35 and portions of the exit/entrance ramps for the safety of the traveling public. These lane and ramp closures may cause delays; however, all access to the Lindsey Street interchange will remain open.

During the week of March 18, 2013, an asphalt overlay will be placed on the existing bridge deck to seal the surface of the concrete bridge deck. Lindsey Street will remain open to traffic during this phase of these emergency bridge repairs as well.

For additional information about this project, please contact the City of Norman Street Division at 329-2524.